THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) The Government increased the procurement prices of different varieties of paddy in August, 1986 as per details given below:

(Rs. Per quintal)

Commodity	Procurement Prices	
	1985-86	1986-87
Paddy		
Common	142	146
Fine	146	150
Superfine	150	154

Land erosion in Uttar Pradesh

3342. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1134 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th November, 1986 and state:

(a) the details of the surveys conducted in U.P. regarding the eroded agricultural Land from 1980 to 1984;

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to make such land cultivable and to prevent the erosion of land; and

(c) whether any such survey has been carried out in Farrukhabad District of U.P. and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) According to information furnished by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, an area of 12.46 lakh hectares was identified as eroded lands in 16 districts of the State through remote sensing and aerial photo interpretation for problem delineation. In addition, All India Soil and Land Use Survey Organisation conducted Detailed Soil Surveys in Lalitpur district in an area of 24,726 ha.

During the same period, Indian Council of Agricultural Research conducted Reconnaissance Survey covering 7.96 lakh ha. in parts of the districts of Tehri Garhwal, Pauri Garhwal and Saharanpur.

(b) The State Government adopted soil and water conservation measures in an area of about 3.75 lakh ha. under different soil conservation programmes.

(c) According to the State Government, through remote sensing and aerial photo interpretation, an area of about 40,000 ha. has been identified as eroded lands in parts of Farrukhabad district. However, during the period 1980—84, no detailed ground surveys have been carried out in Farrukhabad district. As no soil conservation unit was located in Farrukhabad district, steps to check soil erosion and improve such lands for cultivation could not be taken up by the State Government.